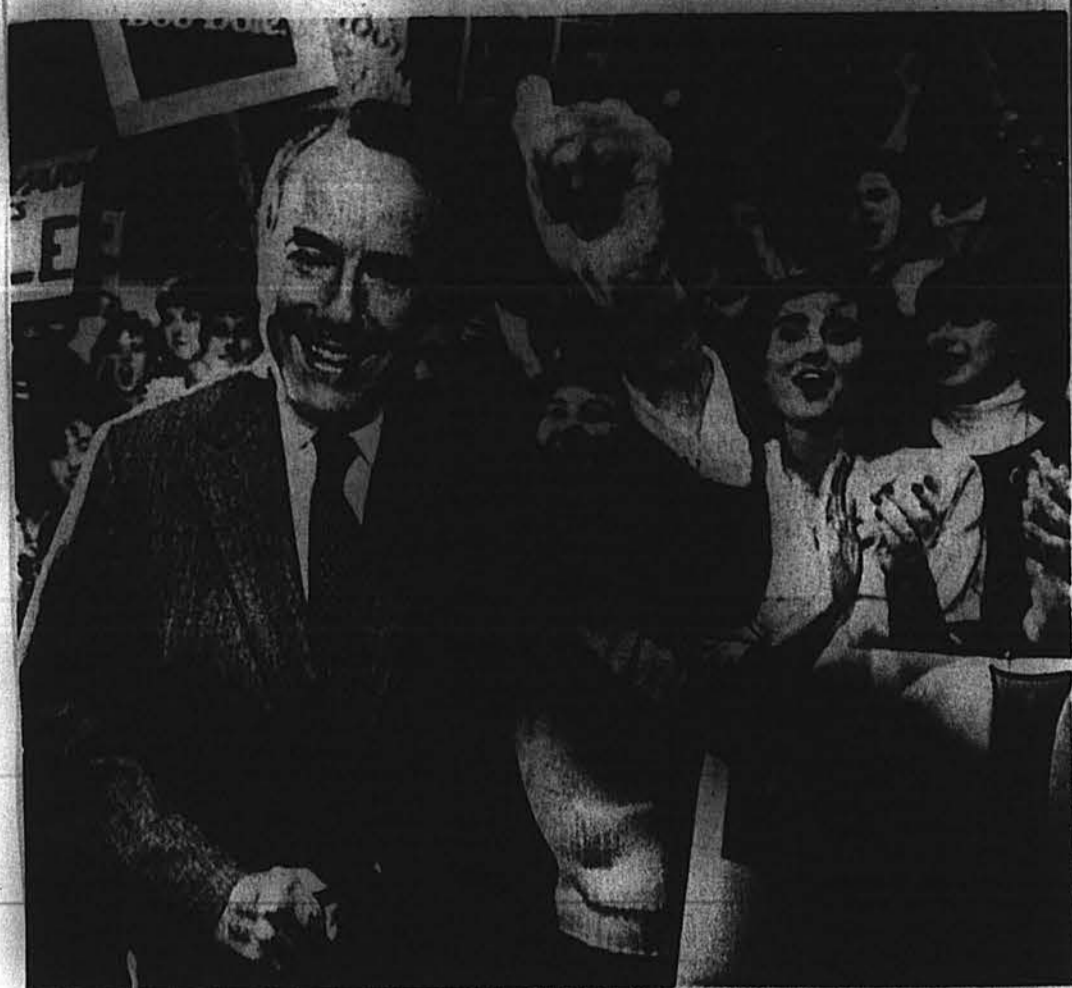


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OFFICIAL CANDIDATE—Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas makes his way to the microphone Monday to tell a crowd of about 1,200 supporters in Manchester, N.H., that he's officially in the running for the presidency. Dole said his top priority would be shrinking the federal deficit. —(AP Laserphoto)

## Sen. Dole hits campaign trail

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Citing New Hampshire's low unemployment and taxes as goals America aspires to, Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas brought his now-official bid for the presidency to the leadoff primary state.

"New Hampshire shows it's possible to have prosperity and low taxes without sacrificing quality of life," he said, crediting state government's hands-off attitude toward industry.

New Hampshire was Dole's third stop on his announcement tour, which began Monday morning in his hometown of Russell, Kan., and proceeded to Iowa, home of the nation's earliest caucuses. He planned to take the campaign

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RUSSELL — Sen. Bob Dole, focusing on the strengths of rural America, formally declared himself a presidential candidate Monday.

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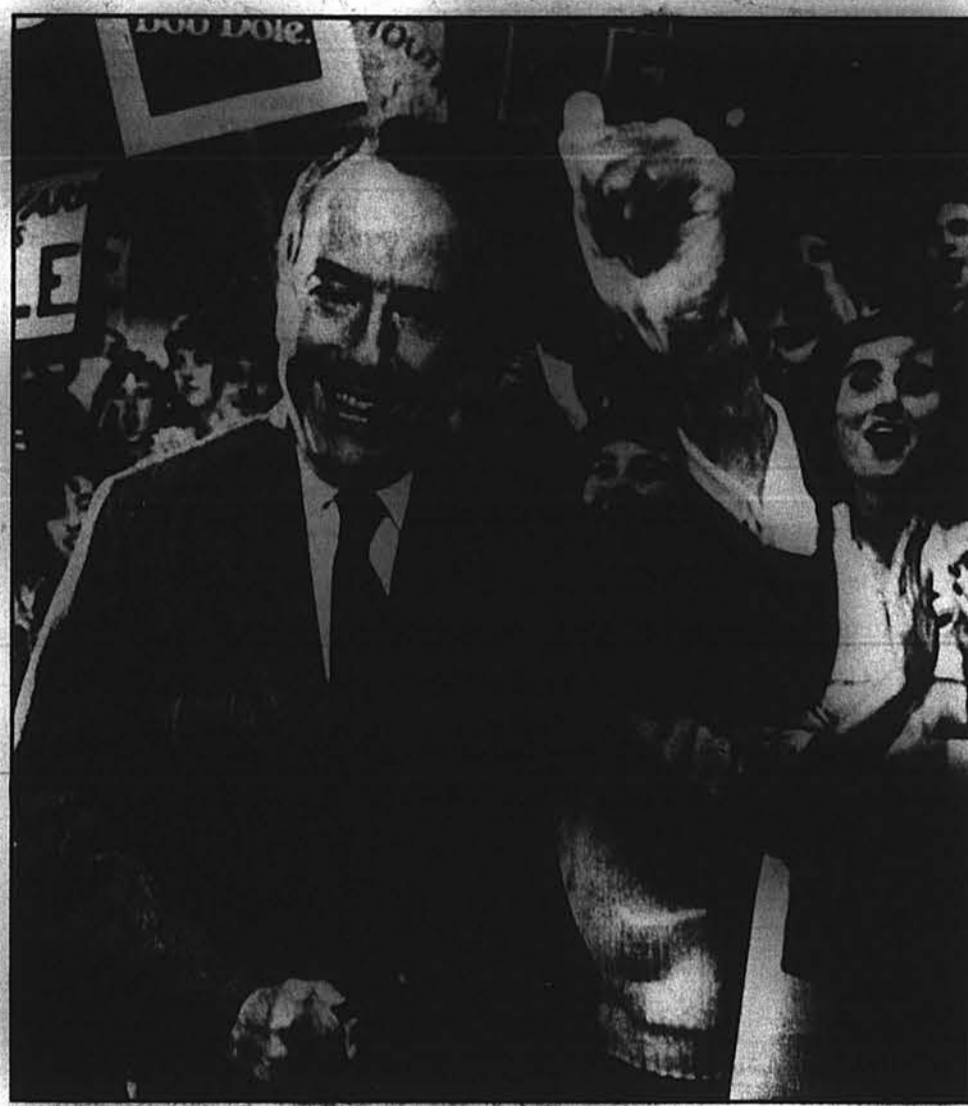
Monday, G.B. "Gus" Dawson gave Dole that cigar box. It contained the good wishes of Kansans and more than \$100,000, Dawson said.

It was the second time Dole has declared formally for president; he ran in 1980, and before withdrawing had ranked himself fourth among five Republican candidates at the time — behind Ronald Reagan, John Connally, Howard Baker — and ahead of George Bush. Dole also was a candidate for vice president with Gerald Ford in 1976.

Activity in the intersection began before sunrise. Three people from Oakley were in lawn chairs, wrapped in blankets and listening to radio music while dawn was still just a blush in the eastern sky.

"I can hear and that's good enough," he said. A campaign volunteer who declined to give his name shook his head at the impossibility of getting everyone to see Dole. Some townspeople suggested that the high school football field would have allowed plenty of room.

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Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole works the crowd at Manchester, N.H. Monday

## Dole: Bush just an 'observer'

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Senate Republican leader Bob Dole today characterized his main rival for the GOP presidential nomination, Vice President George Bush, as "more or less an observer" in Washington.

Dole said on NBC-TV's "Today" show. "Since that time, he's been carrying out different jobs where somebody else made the policy. I want to run on my record, one of action, one of being a participant, one of being a player rather than an observer."

Dole praised the Reagan administration for "restoring American prosperity," but he called the federal budget deficit "public enemy No. 1," and pledged to meet with congressional leaders to solve the problem.

Dole planned to take the campaign south for stops in Georgia and North Carolina later today.

In a second television interview from Manchester this morning, Dole again contrasted his record with that of Bush. "I'm not going to make any effort to go out of my way to attack anyone but I do want to set the record straight," he said on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" program.

"The people want peace; Dole wants war," said a placard carried by members of the Newton area peace center.

Dole's announcement rounds out the presidential field of six Democrats and six Republicans. Dole, the last to formally announce, joins fellow Republicans Bush, former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont, former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig, longtime television evangelist Pat Robertson and Rep. Jack Kemp of New York.

Most polls have shown Bush ahead in the GOP race, with Dole following behind.

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